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1. DR. KLEIN, FRG MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT), HAS RECEIVED MARCH 30 LETTER FROM DR. CHIOGIOJI, ERDA, WHICH REQUESTS INFORMATION ABOUT FRG AND RWE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES. KLEIN EXPLAINED THAT BMFT ESTABLISHES THE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR RWE AND THAT FRG GOVERNMENTAL PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES ARE CONTROLLED BY COMPLEX MULTI-MINISTRY AND MULTI-AGENCY MECHANISMS AND REGULATIONS. NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THESE COMPLEX PROCEDURES EXISTS. BMFT, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THAT ERDA DEFINE PRECISELY THE SPECIFIC DATA REQUIRED AND EXPLAIN REASON FOR US INTEREST IN ORDER TO ASSIST PREPARATION OF RESPONSE.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY LEARNED THAT BMFT TRANSLATION SERVICE HAS BEEN WRESTLING WITH CHIOGIOJI LETTER IN EFFORT TO EXTRACT ABOVE INFORMATION FROM ITS TEXT. OUR EXPERIENCE IN CCMS AND OTHER SIMILAR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS SUGGESTS THAT OFFICIAL CHANNELS ARE THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH FRG

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SCIENCE BUREAUCRACY. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO

ASSIST ERDA COMMUNICATIONS WITH BMFT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO KLEIN'S QUESTION
ASAP. KLEIN HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE US WITH COMPLETE
TEXT OF FRG PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES IN GERMAN, BUT
WE ASSUME THAT ERDA REQUEST CAN BE MORE SHARPLY
FOCUSED. PLEASE ADVISE.
HILLENBRAND

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